

REMARKS

Claims 12-13, 17-18, 22-23, 31, 33, 36, 39, 43 and 49 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-31, 33-36, and 38-53 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to correct various typographical errors such as multiple colons in the claims and latent antecedent issues.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-31, 33-36 and 38-53 are indeed pending.
2. The new grounds of rejection is noted.
3. Withdrawal of the objections is noted and appreciated.
4. Entry of the amendments to the specification is noted and appreciated.
- 5-6. Claims 1 and 7 currently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent 6,829,297 to Xia.

An executed Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

- 7-15. The allowance of the remaining claims in the application is noted and appreciated.

For all of the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-31, 33-36 and 38-53 is hereby respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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